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APPLICANT: Hosei Kitazawa, et al.
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

I. SUBMITTED US PATENT REFERENCES

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II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

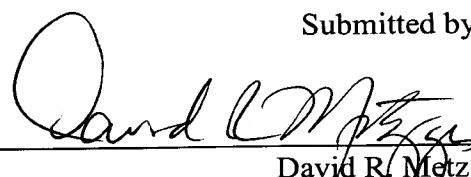
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III. OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

IV. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above-identified references were identified in a search report issued in counterpart European application No. EP 01 11 3090. Copies of the European search report of February 24, 2005, and the references cited therein are attached hereto.

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